

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objects to the Abstract of the Disclosure and the inclusion of "(Fig. 4B)". The Abstract has been amended. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is requested. The specification has been amended to conform with current U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 18, 47 and 48 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8-15, 26-34, 36 and 43-45. Based on the incorporation of allowable subject matter and cancellation of claims, all claims should now be allowed.

Claim 1 incorporates allowable features from claim 8; claim 19 now incorporates allowable subject matter from claim 26; and claim 38 incorporates allowable subject matter from claim 43. Claims 43 and 46 have been cancelled. Claim 49 incorporates allowable subject matter from allowed claim 47. Similarly, claim 50 has been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from allowed claim 47. New dependent claims have also been added.

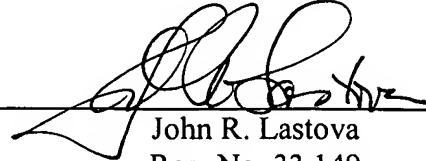
The application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is requested.

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